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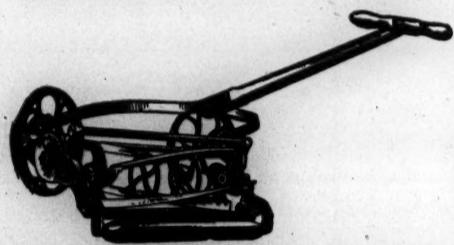
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EDITORIAL

OCTOBER brings with its golden days and frosty nights an idea of the fulfillment of the promise of the seed time. It is the harvest time of the year. The work of the husbandman has been arduous and he is now gathering in the fruits of his labors. To some there might appear to be a certain sadness in autumn days, a certain feeling of finality, of completion of the task in hand. This view of the season is, however, not the most helpful and inspiring one, and with the celestial vision we should see farther than the completion of the task, the filling up of the storehouses and the barns. No task is complete, there is an infinity in all that surrounds us in the universe. The harvest of October holds within it the seed-time of the coming spring; the duty well performed to-day develops the muscles and sinews of character that fit for the weightier task of to-morrow. Each thought, emotion and act of our mortal lives reaches back into the past of heredity and forward into the future of posterity. We can complete nothing, close up no record in our dealings with our fellow-man. Meditation and thought will only bring more strongly to our minds the truth of the wonderful unity of the universe. The falling leaves and the golden grain will all appear in another form in the future. Nothing is lost, nothing is forgotten. With this celestial vision ever before us the daily routine of a monotonous life has its uses. The purposes of the Divine mind are not always discernable, but the ultimate result is inevitable. The poet, the artist, and the musician have all grasped this celestial vision, and by its power have filled the world with much beauty and truth, and shall not we, the everyday toilers of the earth, seek also its beneficent influence and live in the glow of its power?

AT this opening of the Club year, doubtless many members of Clubs and Associations have made resolutions and planned out a special method of life towards the various societies with which they are identified. Some are to have more, some are to have less, of their attention. In these calculations we hope that one factor in the Club world has not been overlooked, that is "The Official Organ." This little messenger between the Clubs and the individual members; between the officers and chairmen, is a faithful and watchful servant of the organizations which it represents, and if read and heeded will facilitate the work of many organizations and lighten the labors of many Club members. Besides, it unites women in their various interests, suggests new avenues of work and inspires and encourages when defeat seems imminent. In a condensed form and for a small expenditure it opens up the vast field of woman's organized endeavor, and surely even the busiest and most absorbed woman wishes to be informed, at least in regard to this world movement on the part of the women of to-day. No woman can be an intelligent and efficient worker in any Association unless she is familiar with its

ideals and efforts, and the endeavors of its membership all over the country to bring these about. All this information can be secured from the pages of "The Official Organ." What professional man or master workman who does not read the special publications issued in his profession or trade? The medical journals, the trade papers, what a medium of communication they are between the members of these various occupations! And shall not the Club woman, profiting by the example of trained minds and experienced workers, use similar means to accomplish the aims of her organizations, the objects for which she is giving her time and interest? Then let one of the first steps in the work for your Association for the coming year be the determination to read your official organ regularly every month. Every word in it is carefully prepared and planned for the needs of your various Associations, and it will bring you a message of help and service which you may rest upon in all your work.

WOMEN'S organizations are numerous and influential in this Twentieth Century and in telling them one is apt to overlook one of the oldest and most valuable of American Associations of Women, the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union. The service that this valuable body of women is doing for the inspiration and appreciation of American history as it clusters around that great American whose home they are keeping for posterity cannot be over-estimated. The Board of Regents of this association met at Mount Vernon May 10th-18th, 1906, and from the report of this meeting much interesting information can be secured. Eighteen vice-regents, representing Maine, Connecticut, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, West Virginia, Tennessee, Michigan, Missouri, Colorado and Kansas were in attendance. The work of preserving the residence, gardens, relics and tomb of Washington goes on without interruption, under the able management of these ladies. The report of the finance committee for the year ending April, 1906, showed a total receipt of over thirty-nine thousand dollars, and a total expenditure of over thirty-four thousand dollars, leaving a balance of over five thousand in bank. The Mount Vernon Association owns the mansion, the tomb, the wharf and adjacent buildings and grounds and two hundred acres of the original land grant of 5,000 acres to John Washington and Nicholas Spencer in 1674, and this past year over one hundred thousand visitors have visited this reservation. Founded in 1853 by a South Carolina woman, who was its first regent, this Association has had three regents, namely, Miss Cunningham, South Carolina, 1853-1873; Mrs. Lily M. Berghman, Pennsylvania, 1874-1891; Mrs. Justine V. Townsend, New York, 1891, who still holds this important office. Inspired by a sentiment and held together by that same sentiment, this Association is one of the many influences that American women are exerting to develop patriotism and to unite the various sections of this great country through those channels which are the common meeting place of all great and noble souls. Let the American people ever be ready to appreciate the splendid work of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union.

OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS

For the State Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina and Florida.
(This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for South Carolina to Mrs. Julius M. Visanska, Corresponding Secretary S. C. F. W. C., 2 Bull Street, Charleston, S. C., Manager.

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(67 Clubs—3,000 Members.)

TO the Club Women of South Carolina, Greeting: We are entering upon our ninth year of work as a State Federation, with the broader vision and enlarged opportunities that are our heritage from the labors of the past years, realizing more and more the true meaning of Federation, union for greater usefulness. Each Club is the unit of value in the State Federation, and there is not one so small or so weak that it cannot add its quota of strength to our union.

Give to the work of our State Federation your cordial co-operation, remembering always that "all greatness in movements goes back to the individual," and so our future helpfulness to the welfare of our State depends upon our individual purpose and efficiency.

With every good wish for a successful year's work, I am,

Faithfully yours,

MARGARET SMYTH MCKISSICK, President S. C. F. W. C.

OWING TO ILL HEALTH Mrs. T. S. Crawford finds that it will be impossible for her to serve as Chairman of the Department of Domestic Science. Mrs H. M. Grimball, of Spartanburg, has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Mrs. Crawford's resignation, and enters upon her new duties October 1st.

THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED at our annual meeting in Rock Hill, for the purpose of dividing the State into districts, has decided that the division already made into Congressional Districts will suit our purpose admirably, and the following women have been appointed as superintendents of their respective districts:

- 1st. Mrs. J. M. Visanska, Charleston.
- 2d.
- 3d. Mrs. S. B. Jones, Newberry.
- 4th. Mrs. J. T. Harris, Spartanburg.
- 5th. Mrs. J. S. Booth, Chester.
- 6th. Mrs. Fraser James, Darlington.
- 7th. Mrs. Agnes Bogin, Sumter.

It is hoped that this movement will result in increased interest in our Federation work. It is almost impossible for your President to visit each club personally; but in each district she will have, in the superintendent, a personal representative, who, by visits or letters, will try to bring the individual club into closer relations with the Federation, and make us, one and all, realize more vividly than ever before, our "unity in diversity."

WORK IS WELL under way at the State Industrial School, and the first buildings will be ready for occupancy by the new year. As is well known perhaps, the board accepted the offer of the town of Florence, and for the present Dr. J. L. Mann, their efficient superintendent of public schools,

will also act as superintendent of the Industrial School. With renewed energies from our summer's rest, let us once more be up and doing; carry this work we have undertaken through to completion, and make our Federation donation to the Industrial School one worthy of us and our ideals.

OWING TO THE SEVERE ILLNESS of Mrs. Sherwood, Chairman of the Art Committee of the G. F. W. C., we have been unable to appoint a definite time for receiving the Art Collection promised us for this winter. But by November Miss Waterhouse hopes to be able to announce, through the *Keystone*, its itinerary.

AGAIN LET ME urge each Club to keep in touch with our Federation work through the *Keystone*, our accredited channel of communication. It should be one of our common bonds of union. It carries the same message to each one, and very often it serves, with the message it brings, as a helping hand in time of need.

MARGARET SMYTH MCKISSICK, President.

THE RECORDING SECRETARY of the Federation has sent our reply postal cards to the Secretaries of all Federated Clubs, in order that she may secure correct data for the 1906-07 year book, which she is now compiling.

LANCASTER CLUB women have always been active in good works, and it is pleasing to note that their efforts are being appreciated. The Lancaster News, in an editorial, on May 23d, 1906, pays a beautiful tribute to the civic work accomplished by the untiring efforts of Mrs. Ira B. Jones and her associates in civic work.

THE MANAGER OF THIS COLUMN regrets that in the report of the Rock Hill Convention an error was made. The Chairman of the Credential Committee was Mrs. L. T. Nichols, Chester, S. C.

MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

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Recording Secretary—Mrs. R. J. Harding, Jackson.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. F. Andre, Crystal Springs.

(35 Clubs.)

FEDERATION Day at Mississippi Chautauqua.—The Woman's Club spirit was dominant on July 31st at Crystal Springs. The Federation colors, pink and white, were in evidence everywhere. The members of "The Floral," Beethoven and the Book Clubs of Crystal Springs assisted in entertaining the visiting Club women.

The program for the day was varied and delightful. Opening with a concert by the Pitard Band, followed by a selection by the Mandolin Orchestra of Crystal Springs Beethoven Club; an address by President of Federation, Mrs. Robt. E. Jones, of Crystal Springs, followed. Discussion, "Effect of the Club on Women," led by Mrs. A. C. McNair, of the Brookhaven Peripatetic Club. Vocal Solo, Miss Bessie Nugent, of Jackson Chaminade Club. Piano solo, Miss Creighton Dagenhard, of Twentieth Century Club. Kosciusko. Discussion, "The Power of the Club in Moulding Public Opinion," led by Mrs. Charles H. Thompson, of the Jackson Chaminade Club, followed by Mrs. R. W.

Biggs and Mrs. James Owens, of Crystal Springs Floral Club. Violin solo, Mrs. Louis H. Dent, of Crystal Springs Beethoven Club. Discussion, "Influence of the Club in Education," led by Mrs. L. D. Greenlaw, of the Culture Club, of Hazelhurst. Paper, "Traveling Libraries," Miss Colie Covington, Hazelhurst Culture Club. Reading, Mrs. Jessie McNair Willing, of the Peripatetic Club, of Brookhaven. Selection, Beethoven Mandolin Club.

At 3 o'clock the audience reassembled, and, after a number of interesting features, entered into a spirited discussion relative to "What Will Contribute Most to the Advancement of the Mississippi Federation," followed by selections from the Mandolin Orchestra.

On adjournment the members and all visiting Club women were invited to the pavilion, where ices and cakes were served by the members of the Federated Clubs of Crystal Springs.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF MUSIC. It scarcely seems possible that a year has gone by since many of us, who are present here to-day, met together in the Legislative Chamber of our State Capitol to plan the furtherance of our desires to make the Federation a success in its far-reaching influence for good. I am very happy to meet with you again, and to be in the home-town of our President, and the famous meeting place of the Southern Chautauqua.

A brief review of the efforts of the chairman and members of the committee on the Music Department, to promote interest, and to quicken the system of self-help, will assure you that the work is progressing steadily, and we have good reasons to take fresh courage and to forge ahead.

The Beethoven Club, of Crystal Springs, was organized in September, and in connection with the Club are an orchestra and a chorus class.

The Carrollton Beethoven Club is doing good work, and there is a Junior Music Club there, which would do credit to the Federation if a member.

There is an excellent Music Club in Laurel, unfederated. There is a girls' Schubert Club in Kosciusko, unfederated.

The Twentieth Century Club, Kosciusko, includes musical numbers on the literary programs, and through the Lyceum Course, takes good musicians to the town. In the monthly social entertainments, music plays a prominent part.

The Peripatetic Club, of Brookhaven, is a new member of our Federation.

The Verona Music Club is of recent organization. It is composed of thirteen members—ten little girls and three married ladies—unfederated.

The New Century Club, of West Point, has music interspersed throughout the literary course.

The Twentieth Century Club, of Pontotoc, includes musical numbers with each literary program.

The Merry Musicians, of Jackson, composed of little girls, is flourishing, and I bring you greetings from them.

The Chaminade Club, I am pleased to report, has done excellent work this year. We have studied the great composer Chopin, and the vocal section of the Club studied sacred songs.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE W. HENRY, Chairman of Music.

MISS BLANCHE ALEXANDER, formerly our corresponding secretary, will be missed from our ranks for a year or two, while she is making a long sojourn in beautiful Riverside, Cal.

THE DURANT CLUB will give its first Flower Show this fall, and is much interested in floriculture. It will also begin the study of the Bay View Course in England. Mrs. Geo. S. Beall is President.

THE BOOK CLUB, OF OKALONA, last year took the Bay View Reading Course. The studies in France, Art, Austria and Hungaria are expressed in such an explicit and vivid manner that we are confident at times that we have not only traveled extensively over these countries, but that we have met and mingled with the different nationalities. We have visited the different art galleries of Europe and America and noted well the famous pictures.

We have furnished last year a number of excellent books to our local library and contributed to the Federation Scholarship Fund. MRS. T. J. BUCHANAN, President.

MRS. J. M. DAVIS, Secretary.

AFTER THREE MONTHS SUMMER vacation, members of the Floral Club of Crystal Springs gathered in regular session September 6th, with Mrs. W. J. Willing, one of the Club's favorite members, as hostess. The members are now unusually enthusiastic, owing to the advent of the annual November flower exhibit, which promises to be the most beautiful ever given by the Club. In addition to the exhibit the members are planning a delightful social and literary program for the winter months. The Chautauqua course, a study of England, has been adopted. There will be a series of "guest days" as a social diversion. The first of these delightful affairs will be given October 4th, at the home of Mrs. A. F. Andre.

THE LITTLE FORTNIGHTLY CLUB, of Meridian, owns a traveling library of children's books, which is now placed in the cotton mill district.

LET THE CLUBS remember that they can apply for any information and programs to Mrs. Mary I. Wood, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

July 14, 1906.

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 (22 Clubs—1,000 Members.)

TO the Club Women of Florida: Our season of heat and rest is fast drawing to a close, and with the advent of cooler days our minds instinctively turn to our Club work. Right eagerly do we grasp the scattered threads and seek to weave them into a fabric that shall be both strong and beautiful; one that shall show the vivid hues of our highest ambitions as well as the delicate colors of our tenderest feelings. To properly carry out the work before us, we must consecrate our whole beings—our hands, our heads, our hearts. We have but two months in which to work before we will meet in annual convention in our Capital City. Let us strive with might and main to accomplish the "well begun" that is "half done," before we go to Tallahassee in November.

Our Board of Directors will meet in the Woman's Club House in Jacksonville Thursday, October 4th, to select the exact date for the convention, and to arrange all the details therefor. Due notice will be sent to all Clubs.

I want to call attention again to the essays for which the South Florida Fair Association will award prizes in November. All essays are limited to one thousand words, and the subjects are as follows:

1. What the Woman's Club means to Mankind.
2. What shall be done with the Juvenile Offender?
3. The City Beautiful, or The Model City.
4. What of the Trees of Florida.
5. Our Feathered Friends.
6. Compulsory Education.
7. Traveling Libraries.
8. Child Labor.
9. The Value of Music in the Development of Character.
10. Traveling Art Galleries.

Our Federation Badges have been ordered, and I hope to supply all demands by November 1st. The price of badge, \$1.25, should accompany all orders.

Let us plan now to attend our next convention. The opportunities and benefits will more than compensate for all efforts we may have to make. Let all of our Clubs be represented at Tallahassee.

MRS. RICHARD F. ADAMS, President.

A NEAT YEAR BOOK has been received from the Housekeepers' Club, at Cocoanut Grove. The President, Mrs. Kirk Monroe, is now traveling in Scotland with her husband, the well-known writer of children's stories. Before her departure Mrs. Munroe instituted a "Junior Audubon" Society among the young boys of the neighborhood. Charming addresses were given at some of the meetings by different speakers, and at all meetings interesting stories were told about the birds, and each boy was expected to give some experience of his own with the "little brothers of the air." The Club has published for sale a neat little booklet, containing tropical receipts.

EARLY IN THE SUMMER the Miami organization changed its name to the Woman's Club of Miami. Six years ago this Club was organized as a Social Club, with informal programs. Since that time it has developed into a progressive

Club, with many departments of endeavor. Early in the summer the Librarian was seriously ill for a time, and a substitute was provided by the Club, but, fortunately, Mrs. Graham has been able to again take charge, and is now making great efforts to interest the young people in the Library, a special fee being arranged for them. During the summer \$5.20 was sent to the educational chairman for the Kindergarten Scholarship, at Tallahassee; \$5 to San Francisco, in answer to the appeal for help in rebuilding the schools in that city, and \$5 to the Benevolent Association of the town. Several new sections were purchased for the book cases. The mid-August meeting was concluded with an exceptionally good Musicale, to which a number of guests were invited. Among these were the well-known writer of children's books and songs, Mrs. Caro Lenour, of Chicago. Lately, Mrs. Jack Graham has been asked to serve on the Club Extension Committee, and Mrs. J. S. Frederick on the Civic Committee. The year book, containing a carefully prepared program, will shortly be in the hands of the members.

NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

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 Recording Secretary—Miss Sallie Simms Kirby, Goldsboro, N. C.
 Corresponding Secretary—Miss Rebecca Cheatham Watkins, Henderson, N. C.
 (33 Clubs—934 Members.)

THE full roster of the officers of the North Carolina Federation for 1906 is as follows:

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 Child Study, Mrs. R. R. Cotten, Bruce.
 Domestic Science, Dr. Delia Dixon-Carroll, Raleigh.*

THE VAN DYDE CLUB, OF WARRENTON, with a membership of 20, is welcomed into the Federation. Its President is Mrs. R. J. Jones; Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Poindexter.

THE CURRENT LITERATURE CLUB, Asheville, with 15 members, has been recently admitted to the Federation. Mrs. A. M. Field, President; Mrs. W. G. Smith, Secretary.

"THE CLUB OF THE TWELVE," Lexington, has also been admitted. Mrs. Charles A. Hunt, President; Mrs. Geo. W. Montcastle, Secretary.

THE N. C. YEAR BOOK is in the hands of club women, beautiful and complete. Its cover is in the N. C. Federation colors, white and light blue, and is embellished with the Federation emblems, a pine cone and a sprig of pine. The new Recording Secretary, Miss Kirby, has demonstrated her talent and ability in furnishing us a complete and artistic year book so promptly.

OWING TO A MISTAKE in the letter heads of the N. C. stationery, Charlotte is credited with Miss Kirby in the last number of the *Keystone*. Miss Kirby is so perfectly identified with the work at Goldsboro that women in the State recognized the mistake; but for the benefit of others we say that she is a Goldsboro woman and a very important one.

MRS. WEIL'S REPORT, read at the convention in Charlotte, was forwarded to the Library Journal for publication. The object of Mrs. Weil's committee is to aid in establishing libraries, and to encourage the reading of the best books. The committee works in connection with the State and county authorities, where its efforts are appreciated. She reviewed the library works of the various clubs in the State and showed that the Goldsboro Woman's Club has a circulating library of 1,100 volumes. Several clubs are doing fine work in the rural districts by establishing circulating libraries.

Miss Mary M. Petty, of Greensboro, spoke for the committee on education, and declared that she believed that women should be on school boards. She spoke of the valuable work done by college women in the clubs in North Carolina, and showed that the women of North Carolina expect to have a say in the housing and teaching of their children. Mrs. R. W. Hicks, of Wilmington, agreed with Miss Petty, and added the idea that industrial training should be in the schools, especially the colored ones.

Dr. Delia Dixon-Carroll, of Raleigh, declared that the Woman's Club of her town had caused to be passed a compulsory school law. The truants in Raleigh know that such a law is in existence, for the good women of the town have had them chased. The Women's Clubs can prod their representatives in the Legislature by writing letters and paying them personal visits. It was insinuated that few, if any, legislators could ignore the appeals or demands of the women. Dr. Carroll referred to the good work of a handicraft school at Pine Bluff, and offered a resolution to the following effect: "That the North Carolina Federation recommend to the State Board of Education that industrial training be established in every public school, white or black, in the State, where it is practical." The motion carried. This was followed by a general discussion on the subject of school books. Dr. Carroll declared in a vigorous tone that the women should do a little lobbying before their legislators leave home, to counteract what will be done by book agents at Raleigh.

ENCLOSED please find 50 cents, for another year's subscription to *The Keystone*. I simply cannot do without it. As soon as Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas fall in line and adopt it (as they must) as their official organ, it will, indeed, be the *Keystone* of our Southern Arch. * * * Thanking you for the thoroughly enjoyable July number of *The Keystone*, and wishing it every success.

CAROLINE L. Z. HUBER.

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(Up-to-date Notes.)

[*The Federation Bulletin*, "the official organ" of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, according to agreement at the St. Paul Biennial, sends out to all sectional "official organs," each month, advance sheets of the official General Federation news, which it has received for publication. The following are official items for October.]

ONE of the most remarkable features of the Eighth Biennial was the showing of the progress made in acceptance of the majority rule. The quiet assent by the minority, the absence of criticism or exultation upon the part of the majority, the disposition to consider the questions discussed with sole reference to Federation interests, with no personal equation, made the business sessions dignified, expeditious, and American in type.

Then the wonderful audiences! When the message reached the desk the first evening that "there were six thousand people in the hall, and that two thousand had been turned away, and one policeman mashed flat," the disposition of the presiding officer was to send for a return ticket and leave on the midnight train. The very thought of facing such a multitude for seven days was appalling to the stoutest heart. It will always be unexplainable in what manner these thousands were controlled, obeying the slightest word, so thoughtful and loyal, so considerate, and, best of all, so happy. One visitor remarked, "I have always thought Club women were dismal in their meetings, but I have never seen an audience so ready to laugh." Who will ever forget that irresistible, delicious wave of laughter which swept over and over the great auditorium upon State Presidents' Evening? It was reviving to body and soul just to hear it.

And then the spiritual moments! Who will cease to remember the solemn hush, the waiting of six thousand souls, after the singing of that glorious selection, "The Cross," upon the night of a musical program? A visitor relates that she sat beside a man who rather "came to scoff." After that song, with its impressive rendering and the marvellous pause which seemed an hour, but was only a moment, "I cannot bear this, I wish I could weep," the gentleman said to his friend, "like a woman."

One of the controlling forces of the great audience, probably the most effective of all, was the efficiency of the local committees in watching the smallest detail and heeding the slightest suggestion from the platform. In later numbers of the Bulletin some instances of their fine attention to arrangements may be given and some of the amusing and instructive happenings, of the great convention. The only word to say further at this time is to express thanks and gratitude to every individual who attended the Biennial. It was the thoughtfulness of each which made the presiding officer's duties a delight instead of a weariness.

SARAH S. PLATT DECKER.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S MAIL: The Recording Secretary is engaged upon the last proof reading of the Biennial report, which will soon be in the hands of the Club Presidents. An entirely new plan has been adopted by the secretary, with the

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sanction of the board, by which every address obtainable given at the convention will be printed. This will mean much in the coming year's work, as it will furnish expert material for programs and committees.

MRS. DECKER reports a letter received from Mrs. Wood, the Chairman of the Bureau of Information, expressing a wish "that the Federation owned a few small libraries." Mrs. Decker suggests that the Library Chairmen of State Federations might contribute towards this plan.

THIS NUMBER goes to press too early to give an account of the board meeting, held at Saratoga on September 20th.

AT THE BOARD MEETING in St. Paul, on June 9th, the following committees were appointed:

Executive Committee, Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker, Mrs. Philip N. Moore, Mrs. May Alden Ward.

Finance Committee, Mrs. Philip N. Moore, Mrs. Josiah E. Cowles, Mrs. Philip Carpenter.

Membership Committee, Mrs. Frank Shiek, Wyoming; Mrs. H. P. Bailey, New Jersey; Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Ohio; Mrs. Francis Sanderson, Maryland; Mrs. John D. Sherman, Illinois.

Badge Committee, Mrs. Edward L. Johnson, Providence, R. I.

Printing Committee, Mrs. John D. Sherman, Illinois.

SOUTHERN Clubwomen will find interesting reading in the North Carolina Federation columns of this issue of the *Keystone*. The women of the Old North State have taken hold of the Club idea with a vigor and intelligence which are an inspiration to all interested in the betterment of community life.

South Carolina Club women are complimented by the bestowal of this recent honor upon one of their ex-State Presidents:

The Society of American Women in London,
5A Pall Mall, East, London, England, May 11, 1906.

Dear Miss Poppenheim:

* * * At the last business meeting of the Society of American Women in London, you were unanimously elected an Honorary Member of the Society. * * *

Yours sincerely,
(MME.) K. THAYER,
Corresponding Secretary S. A. W. L.

"SUSAN CLEGG AND HER NEIGHBOR'S AFFAIRS," by Anne Warner, will be welcomed with pleasure by the many admirers the author won through her stories in the Century Magazine, and through "The Regeneration of Aunt Mary." "Susan Clegg" has taken a prominent place in the humorous literary world, and her doings and sayings are always read with real interest. The author (Mrs. French, in social life,) attended the sessions of the St. Paul Biennial and spoke at the literary conference, telling of the great demand there is for her "Susan Clegg stories," and showing that the best selling books are generally humorous stories, rather than historical novels or philosophical essays. Mrs. French divides her time between St. Paul and London, and finds a ready sale for all that she can write. Within a few years she has achieved a wide popularity, and to-day she is ranked among the drollest of American humorists.

(Cloth, \$1.00. Little, Brown & Co., Boston, Mass.)

The DELINEATOR for September is packed with good reading matter for everyone. Barry Pain, the well-known humorist, contributes the first chapter of "The Diary of a Baby;" a story that promises to be one of the brightest and cleverest this author has ever written. The Williamson's delightful story of a motorboat and its jolly crew in Holland is continued, and those who admire the two famous authors of motor stories will learn much of them from their personal side in an article contributed by John Harvey. Housewives will welcome the advent of M. Jean Marie Devaux, a celebrated authority on cooking, as culinary editor of the magazine. A feature of special interest in this department is "The Culinary Dictionary," giving the meaning of the terms used in cooking and menu-making, which is to be continued from month to month, until completed.

BIENNIAL BRIEFS

HERE was some discussion in the Council meeting at St. Paul as to the combining of the Literature Committee with the Library Extension Committee, under the head "Library Extension." To students and lovers of literature this seems a rather materialist idea, as books and libraries are not literature. The spirit of literature cannot be enclosed between the covers of a book or within the walls of a library. To those interested in the development of the literary idea in the Federation the hope remains that the board will continue to provide an opportunity for the literary ideal to hold a special place in the Club work.

ALL THE CONFERENCES were interesting and the best were those where the subjects for discussion were given in very short papers or prepared talks, and then the meeting was thrown open for informal discussion. It was generally conceded that long papers were not as helpful as a general discussion or experience meeting, where women from all sections could tell of the results of their experiments with the subject in hand.

JUDGE BEN LINDSEY, of the Denver Juvenile Court fame, was one of the interesting personalities at the Biennial. A man of gentle manners and delicate physique, he is gifted with a "way with boys," which is revolutionizing the police courts of America.

A CLEVER CHARACTERIZATION of the four women speaking on President's night, which appeared in a Club column, is this: Wit went to the North in Miss Beaumont; oratory to the South in Mrs. Pennybacker; beauty to the East in Mrs. Irons, and loveliness to the West in Mrs. Turner.

MRS. DECKER strongly recommends some sequence in the meetings of State Federations in adjacent localities, so that it may be possible for her to visit these Federation meetings without so much expenditure of time, strength and money in retracing steps over already traveled distances.

AMONG THE PROMINENT delegates at the St. Paul Biennial were noted many leaders in the various patriotic societies of America. Mrs. Charlotte Emerson Maine, First Vice-President of the D. A. R.; Mrs. William Gerry Slade, President-General of the Society of the Daughters of 1812; Mrs. Alice Bradford Wiles, President Illinois Society of the Daughters of 1812; Mrs. James Sidney Peck, President Wisconsin Society of Colonial Dames; Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, President South Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy; Mrs. Dibrell, President Texas Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Mrs. Cone Johnson, ex-President the Texas Division United Daughters of the Confederacy and now President of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, were all active in their respective delegations.

THE CHAIRMAN of the Child Labor Committee suggested that her committee be merged with the Industrial Committee, as their labors were continually overlapping and this combination was authorized by the convention. M. B. P.

Dear Keystone:

I enclose \$50, subscription to *The Keystone*, beginning with the May number. I don't know which I enjoy the most, the editorials, Club news, or U. D. C. notes, for I am interested in all, and *The Keystone* will always have my best wishes.

Mrs. B. N. CRAIG.

Rock Hill, S. C.

THE KINDERGARTNER AND WHAT SHE MEANS IN LIFE

[An address delivered before the graduating class of the South Carolina Kindergarten Association Training School, Charleston, S. C., in April, 1906, and published by request of the Association.]

AS a charter member of this organization and as a Kindergarten child of I shall not say how many years ago—I esteem it a privilege and an honor to speak to you this evening—though realizing my inability to give suitable expression to all I would wish you, at this, the beginning of your professional careers, nor to worthily portray the sincere admiration and respect every thoughtful man or woman must entertain for a faithful teacher, true to the demands of that noble calling.

A true teacher! Have you ever paused to consider how much that term implies? The devotion to duty, the self-denials, the pleasures deferred, desires foregone, hopes, alas! too often unrealized, that mark the career of such a one? And, on the other hand, have you not thought of the lasting influence for good, one may exert, and the sweet reward which may follow duty well and nobly done, often amid adverse conditions and surroundings? And if this is true of the teacher in general, all the truer is it of the Kindergartner. To this educator, the child comes, direct from his mother's arms, from the innocent play in the nursery, before the outer world has done aught to influence him, either for good or evil. Into the hands of the Kindergartner, therefore, is given material as susceptible to impression as is the potter's clay, but, in which those impressions, once made, are as indelibly fixed as though wrought in shining marble or imperishable stone! Oh, do your hearts not thrill, young girls, when you awake to the limitless possibilities, as well as the serious responsibility, which it will be yours to exert; the love, the forbearance, the kindness, and yet the firmness it will be within your power to exercise, in the training of these young children—the men and women of to-morrow. Yours will be the calling, demanding the highest, the best that is in you, for the noblest efforts of the highest type of woman, is not too much for the formation and guidance of character in the child, who, in maturer years, will confront and grapple with problems and conditions, as much beyond us, doubtless, as to-day's problems surpass and over-reach those of a generation ago. And, with a full realization of the marvellous field of work which lies before you, undoubtedly you would gird yourselves for the fray, that you may enter the arena armed with strength from within, for to strengthen others, we must be strong; to instil a love of truth in younger minds, we must be true to them and to ourselves; and, remaining faithful to every trust, develop faithfulness in those about us.

I have learned that within a few weeks you will receive your diplomas, marking the completion of a two years' course of training for your beautiful work. Those cherished bits of parchment, stand, I know, for two years' honest, hard work, for many a difficult lesson learned, for many a weary task accomplished. They are testimonials, also, of your faithful performance of duty and your fitness to teach and to guide the little ones who may be entrusted to you. That the good wishes of all your friends in this Association go out to you, I need not say, nor need I tell you that your careers will be fondly watched by your former teacher.

And, I am sure, her precept and example will prove a support and help in many an hour of perplexity. Go forth, then, young women, armed with the help which can only come from such thorough conscientious teaching; firm in the resolve to put work before self, duty before inclination, devotion to high ideals above the desire for applause from the unthinking crowd! And, if you, perchance, should miss the tangible reward you merit, or even the mere gratitude due you from those you may most benefit, you will yet be compensated in that contentment which only comes with the consciousness of work well done, of adherence to noble ideals, and with the certainty that, to the best of your ability, you have labored for the good of others and for the happiness of your fellow-beings.

Do you smile when I speak of ideals? Ideals and idealism are so often spoken of and one sees so little of either in this very material world. But, though the idealist is often scoffed at as a visionary and a dreamer, the sceptical world has time and time again come to regard as prophet and seer the man or woman, it at first laughed to scorn. In no field of endeavor has this been more apparent than in educational work, and in no branch of education has the change of attitude been as marked, as in relation to the Kindergarten. When gentle Froebel said: "Come, let us live with our children," and began his beautiful labor of love, among the peasant children of his native town, he was laughed at, as a kindly, but unpractical, dreamer. For years he remained unknown and unappreciated, then gradually the leaven began to work, slowly but surely, until the whole scheme of infant education was revolutionized, and to-day, two generations of men and women, whose lives have been made happier and brighter, through the life-work of this philosopher of love and sunshine, join hands and voices with millions of children all over the civilized world, as they rise up and call him blessed!

We cannot all be geniuses. Froebels and Pestalozzis may never appear among us. None of us may have the power to bring about social revolutions or educational reforms. Scarcely one of us may ever be known beyond the confines of our own small circle, our influence may never be felt in the great outside world, but we can bring about a personal revolution, we can reform ourselves.

We can begin by considering others more and ourselves less; by remaining faithful to work and duty, even at the cost of comfort and enjoyment; we can set up a personal ideal of character and high-thinking, which, even if we, in our frailty, fail to attain, will have made us stronger and better through the effort which it cost. And, as surely as we do this, just so surely will we promote, not only our own happiness, but that of others as well. And if, at the end, like Moses of old, we are only permitted to view the Promised Land of our ideals, but not to enter into its heritage, we can be content in the thought that we have, like the prophet, led others, to enjoy better conditions than we ourselves have known.

Go forth, then, young teachers, taking these thoughts with you, at this the commencement of your life of usefulness and of endeavor. Be faithful to duty and to your ideals; strengthen character that, in turn, others may gain strength from you, and amid all the trials, problems and

experiences, which lie before you, may you be sustained and upheld by the thought that each worthy effort brings us nearer to the right; that every endeavor to instil in the minds of the children, under your care, a love of truth, will tend to uplift humanity, make the world happier, better, brighter, and prove that she who would be a real Kindergartner, a true teacher, fulfilling her high calling, in the best and broadest sense, must first become that rare, good thing, a brave, unselfish, noble woman.

SARAH B. VISANSKA.

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BY CAMPBELL SCOTT.
[Begun in April *Keystone*.]

SO passed the second day, and another night was upon them, and only a little food left. Mr. Newton had a high fever, and was suffering acutely; the shoes of the other two men were worn to shreds and their feet so swollen and blistered that walking was torture. In vain, had Mrs. Crawford and Helen dismounted and insisted upon their riding. They would not hear of it.

Now, at night-fall, they could only crawl to a shallow part of the stream and let the poor fevered limbs lie in the sweet, cooling water. So the night passed again, and day came; only water, thank God for that blessing, but no food. They toiled on, and after two more terrible hours, to their joy the stream debouched into a large one. They sank down, too worn out to even discuss the situation. They must all have fallen asleep, for they were aroused by the sound of something making its way through the water, and of men's voices, and in no outlandish tongue, but in their own beloved English! Forgetting all weariness and hunger, the fugitives pressed forward and looked down, eager to discover whether deliverance was at hand. They saw two boats of considerable size, with a number of men in each, dressed in naval uniform. Graham hallooed, and, after several failures, succeeded in attracting their attention; the boats were hove-to, and Mr. Morgan and Graham clambered down and managed to get near enough to make the strangers understand that they were in sore plight.

"Can you take us in?"

"If you can get out to us; the boats are too large to venture nearer; we have the room, but have you anything to eat with you?"

"We eat our last morsel yesterday evening," answered Graham.

"We are almost the same strait," said the one who seemed to be in command.

"Ladies with you, did you say?"

"Yes, two, and three men, one badly hurt."

"Well, we can never desert you and leave you to a probably worse fate than starvation; we will do all we can for you, but unless we strike luck in a little while in the shape of some settlement, why we will all starve together—there seems to be plenty of rock, but nothing else in this part of the world."

With a good deal of difficulty Mr. Newton and the two ladies were got into the first boat, and then the remaining two men climbed into the second.

They proved to be Government boats, carrying a party of

scientists, geologists, etc., sent out to explore the Grand Canon; they had been some two weeks coming through the wonderful gorge, investigating the different strata of rocks, and had a most satisfactory trip; but some few days ago they had encountered rapids, and their third boat, the one that had the provisions, had become intangled in the fearful whirl—had swamped, and both crew and provisions were all lost.

Mrs. Crawford and Helen were welcomed courteously, and in a little while, conducted to a small cabin, with many apologies for its want of conveniences, but which seemed to them, after their past experiences, a little palace. Poor suffering Newton was glad to be taken in charge by the surgeon of the party.

Some water, a few biscuits, and a little wine were offered and accepted, but with many compunctions, the hungry friends realizing how ill they could be spared and how great was the self-denial and kindness.

For five weary days the men pushed forward in their little crafts, the river here quiet and sparkling, reflecting the inhospitable rocks from either bank. Not a sign of human being, or habitation, scarcely a bird winging its way through the upper air.

Upon the fifth day, after the bread had been doled out, the officers decided there was nothing better to be done than to secure the boats in some rock recess, mark the spot, and attempt to scale the steep sides of the stream at some part which looked less formidable.

After an hour, long to be remembered, of climbing and rest, despair and encouragement, they found themselves upon the top of a Mesa.

While eating sparingly of the little food still left, a cloud of dust upon the horizon, from which issued cries and yells, attracted their attention. But one thought was in the mind of each—Apaches! But, no, thank God, a rough and noisy crew, to be sure, but a party of cowboys—the newcomers proved to be—coming like a small whirlwind; but quieting down with the instinct of true manhood upon beholding the two ladies.

No sooner did they understand the situation than a tent was pitched, some food offered and genuine hospitality shown the wayfarers.

The next morning they guided them to a little town upon the Mexican frontier, and, after many heartfelt thanks from the rescued ones, took their departure.

Now, young folks, I told you I was no story-teller. I have merely related what actually happened. I have not even let my heroine utter a word. Being in separate boats, Graham had no opportunity to improve upon his introduction, or make his devotion known, but, if, as Byron says, there is

"An electric chain with which
We're darkly bound,"

then mayhap the love burning at Graham's end of said chain may have kindled a responsive flame in Helen's heart; at any rate, once in the little Mexican city, he proved no laggard in pressing his suit—for when he started upon his return trip to the home by the murmuring sea, he bore with him a fair young wife, and, as he led her into Mrs. McDonald's parlor, "Saidee," exclaimed he, "here she is; it was surely Kismet."

THE END.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

President—Mrs. Lizzie George Henderson, Greenwood, Miss.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Annie Washington Rapley, 2816 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo.

(Up-to-date Notes.)

THE RATES FOR THE GULFPORT, MISS., meeting of the U. D. C., November 14th-17th, are as follows: For the Southeastern Passenger Association, one fare for the round trip, plus \$2. For the Western roads, one and one-third fare, on the certificate plan. Tickets will be on sale November 11th, good until November 29th.

LUCY W. ROWE,

Chairman Transportation Committee.

THE TEXAS DIVISION, U. D. C., will hold its annual convention in Bryan, Texas, the first week in December.

THE GULFPORT, MISS., CHAPTER, which, with the Mississippi Division, will entertain the U. D. C. in annual convention, will give a reception to the delegates the night before the convention opens, that is, November 13th. Another feature of the convention will be an afternoon excursion, by trolley, to Beauvoir, which is only six miles from Gulfport.

THE MISSISSIPPI Division, in its historical work, under the direction of Mrs. Lucy W. Rowe, of Gulfport, is doing splendid work, which would be most suggestive to other Division Historical Departments. Mrs. Rowe has prepared a year book of topics for chapter study for each month in the year, which she has sent out with a circular and plans for a school children's competitive essay, to be arranged for by the division. Mrs. Rowe's plans are practical and instructive, and the Mississippi Division is fortunate in having the services of such a State Historian.

THE LOUISIANA DIVISION, U. D. C., held its Annual Convention at Monroe, La., May 8, 9, 10 and 11, having postponed its meeting from April on account of the reunion of the United Confederate Veterans. There was a large attendance. Monroe being in Northern Louisiana induced many members to attend who had not done so before. The "Daughters" were as usual warmly greeted by the Veterans. The President's address and report brought in many subjects of interest to the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The Division had completed its work, undertaken a year before, of refurbishing the library at the Soldiers' Home. The usual fine Christmas tree and feast were reported. Much interest was exhibited in the matter of text-books and readings. The Division sustained the action of the President on the subject of the Southern Industrial and Educational Association. (See *Keystone* for July.) The Board of Pensions asked the "Daughters" to assist in obtaining from the Legislature the full appropriation of \$150,000, being \$75,000 increase. Active and energetic measures were taken. A committee of the "Daughters" appeared before the appropriation committee, each State representative and other influential men had been written to, and the "Daughters" have the satisfaction of having obtained their wish. Several Chapters reported work of raising funds for simple monuments to the dead soldiers of their parishes. The fine column surmounted by a figure of a Confederate soldier, the work of Monroe Chapter, had been decorated with green garlands, in honor of the Convention.

New Orleans Chapter reported having given a handsome reception to the Veterans at the State Reunion, January, 1906. Shreveport Chapter, on May 1st, unveiled the \$10,000 Confederate Monument. The Division took up the matter of a park and monument on the battle-field of Mansfield—the most important engagement and signal victory west of the Mississippi. The battle is called by the Federals the Sabine Cross Roads. By this victory, at what bloody cost to so many brave men, Northwestern Louisiana and Texas were saved the horrors of occupation by the enemy. In one of the most gallant charges made during the war, General Mouton fell, and with him fifty-five men of the Crescent Regiment and *every field officer*. General Dick Taylor commanded at this battle, and at Grand Cane is a Chapter named for him. The people of Mansfield have erected a Memorial Church, to commemorate this great event, and on each 8th of April, at the hour of the glorious and fatal charge, the bell is tolled, and the citizens go out to decorate the graves.

The report of the reunion committee showed great comfort enjoyed by the visitors, Veterans and "Daughters," as well as the members of the Southern Confederate Memorial Association, who were honored guests. Receptions were given to Mrs. Braxton Bragg and Mrs. Henderson, President-General, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Visitors to the number of 6,000 honored the headquarters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The "Daughters" also served the luncheon to the Surgeons C. S. A., daily. A handsome reception was given at the Soldiers' Home. After enjoying the hospitalities of Monroe and electing the new officers, Mrs. D. A. S. Vaught being re-elected to the State Presidency, the Convention adjourned, to meet in Baton Rouge, May, 1907.

Since the Convention, some items of interest have come up, and as many members of the Division attend State Reunion, with their husbands and fathers, the State President had the opportunity of conferring with them.

According to various publications, referring to a building to be erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy at Jamestown Exposition, subscriptions were in order, but, looking into the matter, correspondence with the President of the Virginia Division, and the President-General, showed that the United Daughters of the Confederacy had not authorized the erection of a building, but that members of the Virginia Division, suggesting a headquarters for the United Daughters of the Confederacy at Jamestown, had requested, and obtained, appointment of a committee, by their State President, to look into the possibilities of such a plan. The committee went further and inaugurated the question of putting up a building, and proceeded to look into sites, plans, etc. The whole question being merely committee work, is to be reported at General Convention in Gulfport, in November, when the order will decide whether it wishes to erect a building at Jamestown.

MRS. D. A. S. VAUGHT.

What a Division ex-President says: What we want is the little intimate personal and Divisional notes and notices that keep us in touch and abreast of each other. The Divisions are a unit only in General Convention, at other times there is little contact and only through official letters and through a paper like yours (*The Keystone*) can we learn the little frequent happenings and sayings that are so helpful and inspiring.

BELLE LAMAR STOCKBRIDGE,
Ex-President Florida Division U. D. C.
Lake City, Florida, May 18th, 1906.

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THE FOLLOWING INVITATION was extended by Mrs. George S. Holmes, President of the Davis Monument Association, to the United Confederate Veterans, at their reunion in New Orleans, April 26th, 1906:

Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Comrades of the United Confederate Veterans:

As I stand before you to-day, there comes to me the words of an old familiar hymn, the line running—

"A charge to keep I have."

Now it would appear that a charge implies a trust confided, a work to be done, and an account to be rendered.

Such a charge was given to us when you—the United Confederate Veterans—in 1899 transferred to the United Daughters of the Confederacy the Jefferson Davis Monument Association, through its President, the Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson—the present Jefferson Davis Monument Association was then formed, and the President's office bestowed on me. You pledged your hearty support and gave us all the funds you held. During these six years we have labored earnestly, each Director in her State; the Directors from the Confederated Southern Memorial Association, with Mrs. W. J. Behan, President, the Central Committee, under Mrs. Norman V. Randolph, Chairman, concluding with the bazaar in 1903, and the most generous love offering from the Confederate Memorial and Literary Society of the Confederate Museum, through Mrs. Joseph Bryan, President.

All funds have been collected by our Treasurer, Mrs. Edgar D. Taylor, and conveyed to her by our bonded Treasurer, Mr. John Ellett, and he has invested them so well that we now have the full amount required to complete the Davis Monument.

Mr. William Churchill Noland has the architectural setting partially constructed, and Mr. Edward Valentine will complete the statues of Mr. Davis and the vindicatrix within the year.

The Advisory Board of Veterans, Messrs. Bryan, Ellyson, Taylor, Richardson, Christian and Ellett, are ever ready to give their aid and advice in the practical details of the erection of the monument.

Do not all our memories recall another "charge," when you assailed the enemy's ranks with that Rebel yell of yours, which will always echo through the halls of time? This day I am here representing the Jefferson Davis Monument to capture your ranks, turn the left flank of your hearts and the right flank of your heads, and set your columns marching northward once more! Will you not surrender and be paroled to come next year, 1907, for your greatest Reunion and camp again at Richmond on the James? Then, on June 3d, while the bells ring, the bugles blow, the volleys of musketry rattle and the cannon roar, give again that Rebel yell from your dear gray-clad ranks, while, with thankful hearts and tearful eyes, we unveil the monument to Jefferson Davis, the President of the Confederate States of America. Dear Comrades, will you not respond, "We come!"—and know that open hearts, open hands and open doors await you in the Old Dominion of Virginia?

Thus will we honor our great official, the good Christian, patriot and President, Jefferson Davis, whose patient gray head faced battle, prison and exile on our behalf—and we of the South do not forget.

NELLIE HOTCHKISS HOLMES.
(Mrs. George S. Holmes), President.

HISTORIC GAVELS: "I have enough wood from the tree under which General R. E. Lee delivered his farewell address to his soldiers, to make about one hundred gavels. The name of Chapter or individual purchasing will be burned on gavel, if requested. Gavel sent, postpaid, for \$1. Sold for benevolence. References given if desired.

MRS. HUGH C. SMITH, Emporia, Va.

"THE TRUE MECKLENBURG DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE," a brochure, by A. S. Salley, Jr., of Columbia, S. C., is a carefully prepared analysis of the authenticity of the claims of the "Mecklenburg Declaration." Mr. Salley reviews the records and newspaper files of the early part of the nineteenth century, and gives a most critical, scientific and scholarly criticism of S. Millington Miller's article in Collier's of July 1st, 1905, showing that the fac-simile of The Cape Fear Mercury of June 3d, 1775, upon which the historical accuracy of the proof of the Mecklenburg Declaration depended, showed a spurious copy of that paper. Mr. Salley's work is always careful and accurate, and he has displayed in this new pamphlet that same scientific, historical care and discrimination, together with a keen instinct for the truth, which have characterized all his previous work. As secretary of the South Carolina Historical Commission, this skill and training is being used for the best interests of the historical records of that State. Students of American history will find this pamphlet full of valuable suggestions and information. It carries three full page reproductions of the old newspaper pages under discussion, is bound in grey paper, 18 pp., price \$1.00.

A. S. Salley, Jr., Columbia.

The Keystone:

Enclosed find fifty cents for year's subscription. I cannot do without
The Keystone.

Mrs. W. P. DEAN.
Greenwood, S. C., May 14, 1906.

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THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the South Carolina Division, U. D. C., will be held in Greenville, S. C., December 5th-7th, inclusive. Chapters are requested to note this date and arrange their plans accordingly.

Two NEW CHAPTERS have been welcomed into the South Carolina Division since July 1st. The Secessionville Chapter, of James' Island, which was chartered July 30th, with twenty-two charter members, Mrs. Allison Lawton, President. This chapter rejoices in its capable leader, who, as Miss Ruth Jennings, President of the Virginia Division, is so well known in U. D. C. circles. The Edgefield Chapter, Edgefield, S. C., was chartered September 3d, with ten charter members and has perfected its organization in every respect, and has Mrs. C. H. Fisher as its President. Mrs. Fisher was at one time President of the U. D. C. Chapter in Greensboro, N. C., so brings some U. D. C. experience to the office.

CHAPTERS are requested to note rates for the Gulfport meeting, to be found in the U. D. C. column of this issue of the *Keystone*. All Chapters are earnestly requested to fill out credential blanks for the Gulfport meeting promptly and return as requested. In all cases Chapters are requested to make the "*Chairman of the South Carolina Delegation*" their proxy, so that in case of any accident the State will still be able to poll her full vote, as there will surely be present at the meeting a *Chairman of the South Carolina Delegation*.

CHAPTERS are reminded to pay all State and U. D. C. dues, the first to Miss McMichael, Orangeburg, S. C.; the second to Mrs. James Y. Leigh, Norfolk, Va., by October 1st, so that they will be reported in "good standing" at the coming General Convention.

THE PRESIDENT of the South Carolina Division requests each Chapter President to send her, by November 1st, a condensed report of work accomplished by her Chapter in the past year, so that it may be incorporated into the State report, to be presented at Gulfport on November 14th. This request is official and important, and Chapter Presidents are urged to respond to it on time.

The Division rejoices with the Abbeville Chapter, Abbeville, S. C., on the unveiling of their Confederate Monument, at Abbeville, on August 23d. The ceremonies were most beautiful and appropriate, and interested, not only the town itself, but the whole upper part of the State. The officers sent out printed invitations to the ceremony, and they, with the Chapter membership, have accomplished a memorial which is an ornament to their town and a fitting tribute to the valor of the Confederate Soldier. The officers of the Chapter are: Mrs. Lucy Thompson, President; Mrs. Caroline Gary, Vice-President; Mrs. P. B. Speed, Recording

Secretary; Miss Kate Marshall, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Rosa Maxwell, Treasurer.

THE MEMBER FOR SOUTH CAROLINA on the Shiloh Monument Committee of the U. D. C. is Miss Eugenia English, Bishopville, S. C. Miss English is in communication with Mrs. White, of Tennessee, the chairman of this committee, and will present the subject at the State Convention in Greenville, in December.

THE YORKVILLE CHAPTER, U. D. C., observed Memorial Day with suitable ceremonies and filed thirteen applications for Crosses of Honor. A member present at Yorkville on May 10th writes:

It was very pathetic to see only five Veterans following in the line of march to the cemeteries. One said to me, "It is worth all our trouble just to know how much you care for us."

Such incidents as this encourage the "Daughters" to continued interest in behalf of the "old Confederate soldier."

"ARLINGTON," General Lee's old home, beautifully done in water colors and neatly framed in a gilt frame, is a picture that is most attractive. This picture was used for the souvenirs at the Johnstons Convention of the South Carolina Division, U. D. C., and was much admired by all the delegates who were fortunate enough to attend that convention. It is 7x5½ inches in size, the frame 12x14 inches, and may be had from the Mary Ann Buie Chapter, U. D. C., Johnstons, S. C., for two dollars. This Chapter is selling a few of these pictures for the benefit of their Memorial Hall. Address Mrs. W. L. Coleman, Johnstons, S. C.

VIRGINIA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

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THE ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Virginia Division, U. D. C., will be held in Wytheville, October 10th to 13th.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made with the railroads for a one and one-third fare, plus 25 cents. Several matters of especial interest will be under consideration, among these a Division contribution to the Shiloh Monument will be discussed and decided upon. Option on a most desirable site on the Exposition grounds has been secured, plans for a building, modeled after the exterior of Beauvoir, the home of Jefferson Davis, and bids for the same, have been fur-

nished. Virginia, feeling that hers was the right to take the initiative, has, through her committee, used every endeavor to make such arrangements as would meet with the approval of all Daughters, so that the plan, when presented to the various State conventions, might meet with their hearty endorsement and support.

THE WAYS AND MEANS Committee of the *Virginia Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy*, is hard at work considering plans for a building which the Daughters propose to erect on a site already selected at the Jamestown Exposition grounds. There now seems every reason to believe that plans submitted at the meeting of the Virginia Division, U. D. C., in October, will meet with the hearty support of State Chapters, and that fiscal arrangements will be consummated at the General U. D. C. Convention, taking place later, at Gulfport, Miss.

ALBEMARLE CHAPTER is bending its efforts towards the erection of a monument to the Confederate dead of Charlottesville and Albemarle County. As one means of raising a little money, the energetic President, Miss Doswell, has undertaken to sell, on commission, a most interesting book, by Mrs. Sarah H. Hull, of Baltimore, entitled, "Boy Soldiers of the Confederacy." This work is beautifully bound and contains portraits and biographies of numbers of those whose hot-headed enthusiasm carried them to heights their youth dreamed not of. The pictures of some who are familiar to us all, taken as they were at the time of their enlistment—pictures of the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, Virginia Military Institute, etc.—must awaken tender memories in every purchaser. By special arrangements, Miss Doswell is enabled to sell this book for the very moderate amount of \$1.50. Any Daughter desiring to aid the Albemarle Chapter, and at the same time secure a charming addition to their library, can communicate with Miss Sallie J. Doswell, Charlottesville, Va.

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS were passed at the Petersburg Convention of the Virginia Division, October, 1904, and were also endorsed at the St. Louis Convention of the U. D. C.:

Richmond Chapter, endorsed by the Confederate Memorial Literary Society, offer resolutions, in effect, that the Richmond Daughters of the Confederacy, thanking the Veterans and Sons of Veterans for the beautiful sentiment expressed by them in wishing to erect a memorial to Confederate women, ask that the fund raised for that purpose be used as an endowment fund for the Confederate Museum, owned by the Confederate Memorial Literary Society. Every State that took part in the Confederate war is represented in this Museum. Homes for Confederate men and women must, in a few years, be turned to other objects, but the Confederate Museum, if endowed, will remain forever a memorial to Confederate women.

R. E. LEE CAMP has appointed a committee from the Memorial Association and Richmond Chapter, to make arrangements for entertaining at the reunion in 1907. It is hoped that Richmond will take suggestions from the Confederate Veterans of Nashville, and give particular attention to the veterans of the rank and file. These old men spend their last cent to get to the reunions, and to them should be given the honor.

RICHMOND CHAPTER.

"ON COMMON GROUND," by Sidney H. Preston, is an interesting story of a middle-aged bachelor farmer, who becomes interested in his neighbor farmer, an attractive young woman. The story is told in the form of a diary written by the farmer, telling of his every day life and surroundings. It is a picture of country life, and is full of romance and humor. Nature and the open air play an important part in the portrayal of the healthy normal emotions of middle-aged American couple.

(Cloth, \$1.25. Henry Holt and Company, New York City.)

BOOK REVIEWS

"CONISTON," by Winston Churchill, is unquestionably the book of the day. It is even more fascinating than the other popular novels which Mr. Churchill has given to the public, and its political incidents are especially interesting in connection with the fact that Mr. Churchill has recently announced his candidacy for the nomination for Governor of New Hampshire. It is a remarkable coincidence that all of Mr. Churchill's books bear titles beginning with C.—*Richard Carvel*, *The Crisis*, *The Crossing*, *The Celebrity*, and now *Coniston*. This alliteration may be accidental, but it deserves comment. This new book is purely a love story, and the romantic passages are very engrossing. The characters are all people whom one likes to meet, and are so well drawn that they stand out as real people in life. The political situations are well handled, showing that the author has been in politics himself and that he has mixed intimately with the people of his State. "*Jethro Buss*" is a character one can never forget, and stands out in vivid dramatic contrast to the bewitching, fascinating "*Cynthia Wetherell*." There is a charm and tone about the book which, while entertaining, really make the reader feel the power of good, even in the most benighted community. Mr. Churchill is to be congratulated upon this, his greatest success. The book is profusely illustrated, from pen-drawings, by Florence Scovel Shinn, and these materially help the reader in comprehending the characters.

(Cloth, \$1.50. The Macmillan Company, New York City.)

"THE HOLY GRAIL," by James A. B. Scherer, LL. D., is a collection of some of the literary addresses of this well-known Southern speaker and educator. The volume is dedicated to Charlestonians, among whom he spent several years. The addressees are on *The Holy Grail*, *Henry Timrod*, *Sidney Lanier*, *The Crusaders*, *Liberty and Law*, and *The Century in Literature*. Dr. Scherer made a name for himself in the publication of "*Japan of To-Day*" and "*Young Japan*," and his admirers will welcome the present volume with great pleasure. It is bound in attractive form and the frontispiece of "*Sir Galahad*," by Watts, is an appropriate introduction.

(Cloth, \$1.25. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, Penn.)

"THE LIFE OF A STAR," by Clara Morris, makes good light reading, being a collection of the reminiscences of this popular actress. The book is dedicated "*To Stars*," and besides giving much of interest in the career of Clara Morris, she gives many personal sketches of people prominent on the stage. She writes as she acted, in her early days, very original, enthusiastic and careless of detail. She has considerable literary talent, but it shows the need of training and direction. Her book is very entertaining and gives us an insight into life behind the scenes. She writes of her passionate reverence for the memory of "*Rachel*" and her perpetual quest for information concerning her. This is more a book of reminiscences than a biography.

(Cloth, \$1.50. McClure, Phillips & Co., New York City.)

"LADY BETTY ACROSS THE WATER," by C. N. and A. M. Williamson, is one of the very clever pieces of work of these two charming writers, the authors of *The Lightning Conductor*. The story treats of an English girl's experiences in America, and while there is a certain satire in its characterizations, it is full of a healthy humor which is most refreshing. It takes off New York's smart set, and pays a tribute to the sterling worth of the real American in Kentucky and the Middle West. Life on a big trans-Atlantic steamer from the cabin de luxe to the steerage is well drawn, and some unusually clever pictures of New York life and life in the Blue Grass region of Kentucky add variety to the plot. The color illustrations are by Orson Lowell.

(Cloth. McClure, Phillips & Co., New York, publishers.)

"IN THE SHADOW OF THE PINES," by John Hamilton Howard, is a love story of Tidewater, Virginia. The description of the Dismal Swamp and the surrounding country are very well written, the negro dialect of old "*Uncle Zeke*" is especially good, and we really feel the atmosphere of this part of Virginia. The characters are somewhat artificial, and the love passages labored; but the plot is interesting. The author sees and appreciates the peculiar interests connected with this section of Virginia, but he just misses writing a good love story. His power is more in descriptions than in imagination. The landscape on the outside cover is really beautiful and very suggestive, quite in keeping with the title of the book.

(Cloth, \$1.25. Eaton and Mains, New York City.)

"CALLED TO THE FIELD," a story of Virginia in the time of the war between the States, by Lucy Meacham Thurston, gives a true picture of the woman's side of the war. It tells of the way in which the women who were left behind spent their time when the men were "*called to the field*." It tells of a young Virginia girl, who has just married, living in her country home, rich and happy, when the war bursts upon her and changes the whole current of her life. This is not a tragedy, only a tale of love, with a laugh and a sigh here and there. There is a charm about the atmosphere of the scenes, the faithful negro servants are wonderfully well portrayed, and the story reads like a personal record of actual experiences. The people are real Southern people and the touch of love and pathos, the woman at home, and the man in the field, make the book very human. The present volume will add other laurels to the reputation the author has already won through "*Mistress Brent*," a girl of Virginia, "*When the Tide Comes In*," and others.

(Cloth, \$1.50. Little, Brown & Co., Boston, Mass.)

"THE STRUGGLE FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT," by Lincoln Steffens, is a collection of articles that have appeared in McClure's Magazine during the last few years. Mr. Steffens discovers and shows up misdoing, he calls no names, but leaves judgment and action to the public. In the present volume he attempts to trace American political corruption in six States, with a dedication to the Czar. The States in which he shows what has been accomplished by a few right-minded individuals are Ohio, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Illinois and Missouri. He shows how the people in these States took the power out of the hands of the corrupt political bosses. These articles are written in a clear, brilliant, forceful manner, and will do much towards stimulating and convincing many citizens of the value of determined action against corruption and graft.

(Cloth, \$1.20. McClure, Phillips and Company, New York City.)

"THE ANGEL OF PAIN," by E. F. Benson, who has made such a success with "The Challoners" and "The Image in the Sand," appeared first on the list of best selling books in England during April. It ranks among the best sellers in Canada and America, and has already gone into its third edition. The environment of the interesting intrigue is fashionable London. "Tom Merivale," who comprehends the language of birds and beasts, and conveys messages to them, is a distinct creation in literature. The story tells of a great sacrifice for love, and every page is full of pathos and tenderness. It is a remarkably human book, and, while the plot is very well drawn, the story appeals most strongly to our emotional nature. The characters are real people, and our interest is held from the beginning to the end.

(Cloth, \$1.50. J. B. Lippincott, Philadelphia, Penn.)

"THE SEA MAID," by Ronald Macdonald, is a thoroughly interesting love story, full of romance and adventure. It tells of an English dean, his prim wife, and beautiful daughter, who have been wrecked upon a wild island in the Pacific, and of how a party of their countrymen, many years after, are wrecked upon the same island. In this party are an English lord, an adventuress, a vagrant actor, a French violinist and others. The necessities of the situation bring about many unusual incidents. It is a real good love story, with an interesting plot, told in a most attractive and entertaining manner.

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